

Final Minutes
EIIP Co-Chairs Conference Call
February 20, 2002
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

ATTENDEES

Dennis Beauregard, Steering Committee
Herb Sherrow, Steering Committee
Dick Forbes, Steering Committee
Chuck Mann, Area Sources Committee
Bob Betterton, Point Sources Committee
Greg Stella, Emissions Modeling Committee
Patrick Barickman, Emissions Modeling Committee
Doug Solomon, Data Management Committee
Garry Brooks, ERG

Dennis first asked if there were any comments on the minutes prepared for the January 17, 2002 Co-Chairs conference call. No corrections to the minutes were voiced by the participants of this call. A comment was made that it is useful to receive the minutes as a way to stay informed and distribution should continue. Progress reports of the Point Sources, Area Sources, Emissions Modeling, and Mobile Sources Committees were presented. Additional topics of discussion included the Strawman Proposal for revamping EIIP and the inventory training program being initiated by EFIG.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Point Sources Committee

The Point Sources Committee (PSC) report was provided by Bob Betterton. The PSC had a conference call a few days ago to discuss the Strawman Proposal for revamping EIIP. The Committee had a good discussion on the Proposal and several comments were forwarded to Dennis. Bob noted that three of their overall general comments on the Proposal were that: 1) any work being contemplated to develop guidance or data should be coordinated with the RPOs, 2) mobile sources should not be in a separate subject bin but is really a subset of some of the other bins, and 3) there are places in the write-up where some language could be consolidated to reduce redundancy.

Area Sources Committee

Chuck Mann gave the Area Sources Committee (ASC) report. The ASC held its last conference call meeting on February 13. The main purpose of the call was to discuss ASC comments on the Strawman Proposal. The comments primarily dealt with: 1) are the proposed subject bins the right ones and could they be changed, 2) is the proposed role of the working committees in the

new system appropriate, 3) can the proposed time line be met, and 4) will the proposal address funding for existing ongoing tasks or will these be funded through another means. Dennis commented that he couldn't say for sure at this time how existing tasks will be handled, but it is possible they may be somehow "grandfathered" and funded outside of the system proposed in the Strawman.

In terms of active work, Chuck reported that ERG is currently evaluating the area source guidance chapters to address the issue of converting from SIC codes to NAICS codes. More resources will be needed to complete the entire task. He also noted that several guidance chapters like unpaved roads and auto refinishing need to be completed and finalized. They have been on the web page as drafts for a while. The auto refinishing has been waiting for the completion of the solvents study.

Emissions Modeling Committee

Greg Stella provided the report for this Committee. The spatial allocation and modeling sensitivity work groups of the overall committee recently held meetings to discuss their projects. Patrick Barickman coordinated the activities of the spatial allocation group. The group has been able to obtain allocation information from the Maricopa County Association of Governments that will allow projections of spatial allocation parameters to 2018. They are studying these data to try and see if they can be extended for use in other areas and on a broader scale. On the modeling sensitivity work, Greg is modifying their work assignment to make it fit a GSA contract vehicle and hopes to have this out and in place soon. They are also reviewing related activities that may be underway by RPOs so that the work group does not duplicate RPO efforts. The speciation work group project has been a little slower to get going because of the lack of a project manager, but that problem appears to have been solved. Greg reported that Ron Ryan of EFIG will prepare a scope of work for this project and will manage the assignment. The committee may need to request additional funds from the Steering Committee to cover all aspects of the speciation project.

Mobile Sources Committee

Dennis reported that Rob Altenburg needs to replaced as the state co-chair for the Mobile Sources Committee (MSC). Rob has resigned from his co-chair position since he has now moved into a new job in modeling and out of mobile sources. Interested parties should contact Dennis. Dennis mentioned that work was progressing on two fronts with the mobile work groups. The locomotive study to be led by Lynn Allen of South Carolina is moving forward. He is trying to get funds directed to Region IV for a grant to SESARM so that the project can begin. Also, the top-down validation group is working to piggyback onto another top-down validation study that the EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) is conducting in conjunction with the Coordinating Research Council (CRC). Questions were raised about how the MSC should function in the future, and a comment was made that perhaps the individual work groups should continue to function as they are since it appears they are making progress.

Data Management Committee

Doug Solomon gave the report for this committee. He reported that he is moving out of EFIG soon to take another assignment within OAQPS. New state and EFIG co-chair people need to be identified to champion the issues associated with data management. Phil Lorang the EFIG Group Leader is working to identify potential EPA candidates. Doug stated that there are still a lot of exciting areas, such as using the Internet and XML for inventory data transfer, that need to be investigated and instituted for inventory data management. There are plenty of opportunities for people to get involved with the committee since it is really still on the ground floor and no projects have been launched.

PM-2.5 Committee

No report was given for this Committee since no co-chair was present on the call.

OTHER BUSINESS

Strawman Proposal for Revamping EIIP

Dennis reported that he had been receiving comments from various people and groups on the Strawman Proposal and he is busy now evaluating the comments. He plans to release a revised version of the plan in about another week or two. The revised plan will be distributed to a wide audience using the CHIEF e-mail listserver. There will also be an opportunity to gather feedback on the plan at the March 7 conference call of the STAPPA/ALAPCO Emissions Modeling Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up, although Denis did mention and remind people that the Steering Committee had approved \$150,000 for training work. David Misenheimer of EFIG is leading up this effort to develop inventory training materials. The training will have a focus on PM issues.

NEXT CALL

The next teleconference call is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 3 p.m. EST. The call-in number will be distributed by e-mail with an agenda several days prior to the call.